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SUBJECT: BELGIAN DEMARCHE RE PREPARATION NATO SUMMIT

REF: A) BRUSSELS 6414; B) USNATO 3370

1. WE AGREE WITH BELGIAN NATO DIRECTOR BAL THAT DISCUSSION
OF NATO SUMMIT SCENARIO, AGENDA, AND OTHER SUBSTANTIVE
QUESTIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE MULTILATERALLY AT NATO. AS
SOON AS US POSITIONS ON THESE MATTERS HAVE BEEN CLEARED AT
THE HIGHEST LEVELS, USNATO WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO INTRODUCE
OUR VIEWS INTO THE ONGOING PERMREPS' DIALOGUE ON THESE
MATTERS. AFTER USNATO HAS VETTED OUR VIEWS IN EVERE, IT
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IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES IN WASHING-
TON ON CERTAIN SUBSTANTIAL POINTS MIGHT USEFULLY BE HELD
IN PARALLEL WITH THE MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AT NATO HEAD-
QUARTERS, BUT NOT BEFORE.

2. DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, AT THE DEPARTMENT
WORKING LEVEL WE HAVE HAD TO RESPOND ON OCCASION TO

INQUIRIES FROM ALLIED EMBASSY REPS ABOUT INFORMAL, WORKING LEVEL VIEWS ON HOW THE SUMMIT MIGHT BE ORGANIZED. IN ALL SUCH INSTANCES WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT FORMAL US POSITIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS HAD NOT YET BEEN CLEARED. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT INITIATED ANY FORMAL OR INFORMAL, BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE SUMMIT SUBSTANCE.

3. CONCERNING NON-SUBSTANTIVE SUMMIT ARRANGEMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS HELD TWO RECENT MEETINGS TO WHICH ALL ALLIED EMBASSIES WERE INVITED TO SEND REPS: ONE MEETING COVERED PRESS ARRANGEMENTS AND ACCREDITATION; THE OTHER ADDRESSED ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

4. INFO ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW UPON THE ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE.

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